

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, February 6, 2023, in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Sauers, Mark Benner, Shawn Bingaman, Maria Brandt, Karen Roberts, and Donald Musser were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Paige Visneski, and June Stark were present.

Secretary LaDawn Leitzel was absent due to illness.

The meeting was opened with the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Benner to approve the Council minutes of January 3, 2023, as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Roberts, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATION:

Councilman Resignation – Domenico Barillaro officially resigned from Council effective January 25, 2023, due to no longer being a resident of Shamokin Dam Borough as of April. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to regretfully accept the resignation of Domenico Barillaro from Council, seconded by Councilwoman Brandt, and approved by all. Council will post an announcement of the Council vacancy on the website and Facebook, will review interested candidates, and will appoint a replacement at the March Council meeting.

Franchise Agreement – Manager Hovenstine explained that the Cable Franchise agreement with Service Electric Cablevision is a ten year agreement and is set to expire April 3, 2023. Solicitor Slivinski has a copy of the draft ten-year agreement for review and consideration.

Paige Visneski arrived at this time.

Free Healthcare Clinic – Manager Hovenstine received a call regarding a free healthcare clinic in Centre County that would be welcome to Snyder County residents.

Secretary of Health – Manager Hovenstine received correspondence from the Acting Secretary of Health and PA Physician General thanking the Borough for providing fluoridated water to Borough residents, which improves the health of the residents.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Resolution 2023-2, County Liquid Fuel Records – A motion was made by Councilman Benner to adopt Resolution 2023-2, application for County aid to purchase salt and/or anti-skid material for

Borough streets in the amount of \$1,435.00, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

Exonerate Deann Lockcuff, 2022 Taxes – The 2022 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes will be sent to the Snyder County Tax Claim Bureau. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to exonerate the Tax Collector Deann Lockcuff from collection of the delinquent 2022 real estate, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

Golf Tournament – The Manager announced that the Sixteenth Annual golf tournament that benefits the borough's parks presented by Sunbury Generation, Hummel Station, LLC, and INSA is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

Solicitor Slivinski will contact Stahl, Sheaffer Engineering regarding the survey of the property located at 111 W 11th Avenue to annex into the Borough. The Mayor questioned whether the annexation had an estimated completion date. The Solicitor answered that the annexation will be completed by the end of year 2023.

MAYORS REPORT:

Property Maintenance Update – Mayor McGranaghan reviewed the report from Central Keystone COG on the property maintenance: The new owners of 3507 N Old Trail were given a notice of property maintenance violations, the new owners of 3517 N Old Trail are making progress with the repairs, The new owner has been deciding whether to repair or demolish any of the properties located at 3710 N Old Trail, 3718 N Old Trail, and 3720 N Old Trail. Manager Hovenstine reviewed a policy that the Borough pays any Central Keystone COG fees for inspection for property maintenance and then the Borough forwards these fees onto the property owner. Solicitor Slivinski will review this policy and suggest updating ordinance accordingly.

Eighth Avenue/Old Trail Stop Sign Update – Mayor McGranaghan reported that the police department enforced the traffic violations at the Eighth Avenue/Old Trail Stop sign. The police department were posted at the stop sign ninety times (thirty hours) in the month of January twenty-one citations and nineteen warnings were issued. Mayor McGranaghan reported that at this intersection there is an average of one crash per year.

Ordinance Modification – Mayor McGranaghan stated that the Borough has an ordinance regarding the length of time (two months) that a dumpster is allowed to be on a property, however storage pods are being placed on properties. Storage pods are on properties for extended periods of time. The Mayor questioned whether the Borough would modify the ordinance to include storage pods for a specific amount of time. The Mayor suggested that while the police department patrol the Borough if an instance would be seen to contact the Manager.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan reviewed the January police report.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Waterline Relocation Progress – Manager Hovenstine reported that water line relocation began at Main Street, most of the changes have been moving the valves out to the road. The project is proposed to be completed in April 2023.

Chapter 110 Submission – The Act 110 report, which is an annual water withdraw from the river and consumption report, was filed with DEP. Manager Hovenstine mentioned that the Borough crew will install meters at the office and the parks for allocation of water.

NPDES Permit Renewal – The Manager stated that all testing is completed for the NPDES permit, which allows the water plant to discharge from the back wash basins into Fiss Run and will be submitted later this week. This is a five-year permit.

President Musser requested an update on the office renovations. Manager Hovenstine will email out the plans as the plans develop, there have been some changes to the police department.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Solicitor Slivinski reviewed the traffic signal agreement. Manager Hovenstine stated that the Borough has traffic signal agreements in place.

The Solicitor reviewed an issue in another township regarding filed subdivision and sewage problem. Per DEP the township is responsible for sewage system, because the subdivision was approved.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will not be held in February.

WORKSHOP:

A Workshop meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 7:00 PM to discuss the proposed lease agreement between the Borough and Fire Company.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$14,339.07, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$18,434.67, 111 W 11th Avenue Fund in the amount of \$510.92, Fire Tax Protection Fund in the amount of \$3,167.35, and Cares Act Fund in the amount of \$4,003.50 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Vice President Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Bingaman, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary